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1. AS REFTTEL CORRECTLY STATES, IT IS PREMATURE TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIPS VISITS TO EGYPT AT THIS TIME. WE HAVE JUST BEGUN WHAT I HOPE WILL BECOME A PATTERN OF FOUR OR SO CONVENTIONAL-POWERED WARSHIP VISITS A YEAR. BEFORE THIS PATTERN WAS BEGUN, I DISCUSSED WITH A CINCUSNAVEUR REPRESENTATIVE MODALITIES OF THE ARRANGEMENTS I HAD WORKED OUT WITH GOE TO PERMIT SUCH CONVENTIONAL WARSHIP VISITS. ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AIRCRAFT CARRIER VISITS, I ADVISED THAT ANY SUCH REQUEST BE DEFERRED FOR A YEAR OR SO UNTIL WE GET A PATTERN ESTABLISHED AND ARE ALSO BETTER ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE GENERAL PATTERN OF US-EGYPTIAN RELATION-
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SHIPS. WE CANNOT TAKE EGYPTIAN PORT FACILITIES FOR

GRANTED AND WE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT SOME POLITICAL SENSITIVITY STILL EXISTS ABOUT NAVAL VISITS. EACH WILL REQUIRE NOT ONLY MILITARY, BUT POLITICAL CONCURRENCE. I WOULD EXPECT THAT NPW VISITS, IF KNOWN, WOULD GIVE A BIT OF CONCERN SINCE THEY WOULD ENABLE SADAT'S RADICAL ARAB CRITICS TO LEVEL CHARGES THAT HE IS ENDANGERING HEALTH OF EGYPTIAN PUBLIC BY PERMITTING SUCH VISITS. HOWEVER FALSE CHARGE MAY BE, IT WOULD CAUSE PUBLIC CONCERN HERE.

2. WE SHOULD ALSO BEAR IN MIND THAT EGYPTIAN WILLINGNESS TO ACCOMMODATE US WILL DEPEND IN LARGE MEASURE UPON THE SCOPE OF US-EGYPTIAN MILITARY RELATIONSHIP. THE PROPOSED C-130 SALE WILL BE HELPFUL, BUT DESPITE THE CONGRESSIONAL FUROR IT IS OF ITSELF HARDLY OF SUFFICIENT IMPACT TO ENCOURAGE EGYPTIANS TO TAKE GREAT POLITICAL CHANCES.

3. IN SHORT, WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE EGYPTIANS AT POLITICAL LEVEL ARE LIKELY TO BE RECEPTIVE TO NPW WARSHIP VISITS. EILTS

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